Exodus of technical workers to industrialised countries

†911. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that highly technical Indian workers are departing for industrialised countries to fulfil the need of skilled workers in the field of Information and Communications technology;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several posts are lying vacant in information technology sector in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Indian software companies and technical workers do undertake onsite projects and jobs for overseas companies in industrialized and developing countries to meet their requirements and execute specific projects.

(b) No, Sir. As per NASSCOM India produces large number of IT professionals every year and there is no shortage of skill sets within the country.

(c) Does not arise.

IT Parks in Karnataka

912. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up two more Information Technology Parks in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has sent any proposal in this regard; and

(c) whether there is another proposal from the State Government seeking approval to set up Information Technology Parks in all districts in the State?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) During the inauguration of STPI facility at Hubli and Mangalore, Hon'ble Minister of State for IT and Tourism, Government of Karnataka has requested Hon'ble Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications & Information Technology, for two new STPI centers at Gulberga and Belgaum.

As per the policy for setting up of new STPI centers, the State Government has to identify suitable potential location for IT industry, provide 3 acres of land, 3000 sq. ft. of built up space and grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 Crore to partially defray the total project cost.

On receipt of the confirmation of the above contribution from State Government, STPI would conduct a feasibility study for the setting up of STPI centers at Gulberga and Belgaum.

(c) No, Sir.

Setting up of IT Centres

913. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Information Technology Centres set up/proposed to be set up in the country, location-wise and State-wise;

(b) the grant-in-aid provided to each technology centre by the Central Government; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance given to each IT Project which have been approved by the Empowered Committee on critical Infrastructure balance scheme run by the Department of Commerce, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The information is given in Statement-I (*See* below)

(b) Grant-in-aid provided by Department of Information Technology for setting up Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) The details are given in Statement-III.